

## Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting of July 16th, 2008

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its' monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2008, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. Attending the meeting were: Park Board President – Ron Bennett, Members –Linc Baro, Kelly Cox, Don Oeth and Synda Waters, Parks Supt – John Tate and Park Board Secretary- Debra Scott.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Don Oeth and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the June 18th, 2008, meeting was made by Synda Waters and seconded by Linc Baro. Motion carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for June 18th, 2008, was made by Kelly Cox and seconded by Linc Baro. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Riverfront Project Committee- Mr. Tate stated he had no news to report on this subject. Mrs. Waters stated she had attended the Mt. Vernon River Bend Coalition, Inc. monthly meeting, which was held on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Waters e-mailed Mr. Tate after the meeting with more plans/ideas the coalition are planning. Mrs. Waters also sent the minutes from the meeting to Mr. Tate. Mr. Tate passed out copies of the e-mail and minutes, to all the Board members. Mr. Tate stated he arranged for the committee to use some of the Park & Recreation's port a pots for the concert on the riverfront, instead of having a policeman on duty at the Community Center. Mrs. Waters asked Mr. Tate if anyone has contacted the office about the tree planting ceremony. Mr. Tate stated he has not heard anything about a tree planting ceremony, only from Mrs. Waters at last month's Park & Recreation Board meeting. Mrs. Waters stated that CSX is supposed to remove the railroad tracks at the riverfront. The Mt. Vernon River Bend Coalition, Inc. would like to get a statement in writing from CSX stating that they will remove the railroad tracks. CSX gave the previous administration (Mayors Office) a verbal commitment on railroad track removal. Once the railroad track is removed the coalition will use this as usable space. The Mt. Vernon River Bend Coalition Inc, asked Sabic for Grant money, they were told to get together with the Park & Recreation Department and possibly Sabic would look at giving the grant monies to a larger group of people. Many other issues were discussed, Phase 1 and Phase 2 at the riverfront. Mrs. Waters asked the Park Board if they would like her to agree / disagree with some of the Coalitions ideas or plans. Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Tate to please invite Mr. Tucker to the next board meeting.

### Other Old Business

Mr. Bennett stated that Mr. Tate did a marvelous job on preparing the budget. Mr. Tate kept the budget \$3000.00 below the required 2.5 percent. The Council commended Mr. Tate and then allowed the \$3,000.00 to be added into the 2009 budget.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There is no new business at this time.

Motion was made to adjourn by Don Oeth and seconded by Linc Baro.  
Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

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John Tate, Superintendent

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Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 20th, 2008, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.